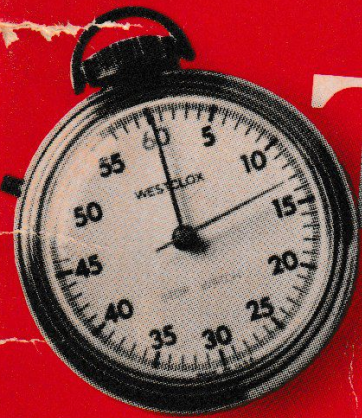
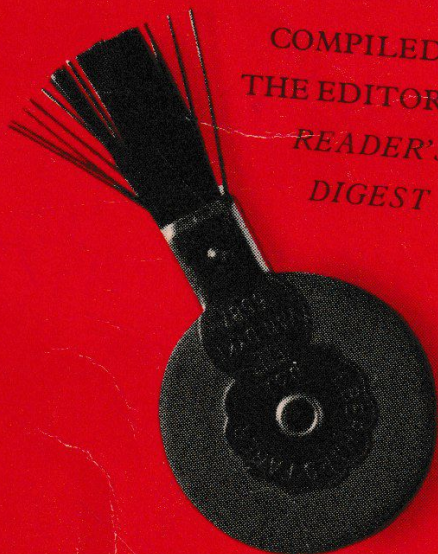




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Vowel Play

1

1. There is at least one English word in which a single vowel is repeated six times. What's the word?

ROGER DEVLIN

2. Can you think of at least three words of five letters or more, none of which contains the letters A, E, I, O or U?

ROGER DEVLIN

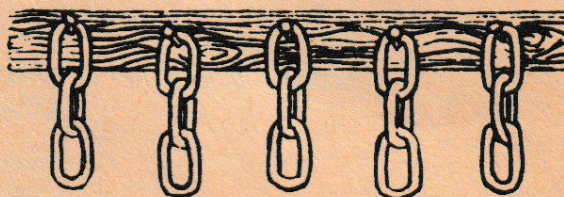
3. How far do you have to count before using the letter A in spelling a number?

2

CEDRIC ADAMS

The Great Chain Puzzle

2



If it costs five cents to break a link, and ten cents to weld it again—what is the least it would cost to join in a single length of chain the five segments shown here?

Sixty cents? Try again—the correct answer is less.

There's a simple moral to this: The obvious way is not always the most economical way.

+ 1¢

Quiz-Show Questions

3

The electronic media discovered long ago that it takes something special to beat the challenge of an interesting interrogatory. Here is a selection of questions that were asked and answered on the air in the popular radio quiz programs of the 1940s.

1. How does one know which is the left bank and which is the right bank of a river?
2. What popular dances had in their titles the name of (1) a pastry, (2) a fruit, (3) a city?
3. Is a person who is excessively thirsty suffering from kleptomania, polydipsia, or myopia?
4. True or false? Noah's Ark was known as the Ark of the Covenant.
5. In a deck of ordinary playing cards, two of the Jacks are one-eyed; the other Jacks have two eyes. What is the total number of eyes on the four Jack cards?
6. Is it true that there is one place in England where the King or Queen can never go?
7. If you are convicted of the crime of embracery, what have you done? *How could they?*
8. Of what well-known proverb is this a paraphrase? "A nomadic portion of the metamorphosed igneous or sedimentary deposits of the Proterozoic era accumulates no bryophytic plant life."
9. Why would a detective doubt this story? A lady, dreaming that she was drowning, became so frightened that she died of a heart attack in her sleep.

*S.P.D. didn't
Even when it happened twice*

10. Most of us use it every day in our homes. If we purchased 100 pounds of it, it would contain approximately 87 pounds of water; 4 pounds of fat; 4 pounds of casein, ash and albumin; and 5 pounds of sugar. What is it?
11. Five automobiles were lined up bumper-to-bumper. How many bumpers were actually touching each other?
12. Why does it take longer to hoist a flag to half-mast than it does to hoist it to full-mast?
13. If an elderly man is the scion of a prominent family, is he the founder of the family; a descendant of the family; or the black sheep of the family?
14. Niagara Falls is situated between which two of the Great Lakes?
15. If you were a musician and were practicing your flams, your flam paradiddles, your double paradiddles, ruffs, and double drags, what kind of musical instrument would you be playing?
16. Is the toe of Italy's boot on the west or east side of the peninsula?
17. How many keys has a piano—66, 77, 88, or 99?
18. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had seven daughters and each daughter had one brother. How many people were in the Smith family?
19. You've heard the threat, "I'll break every bone in your body." In order to do it, how many bones would you have to break: approximately 200, 2000, or 20,000?
20. Would it be cheaper for you to take one friend to the movies twice—or two friends at the same time?
21. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name eight?
22. Is the tip of the finger, the end of the tongue or the bottom of the feet the most delicate organ of touch?
23. If your doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
24. Name seven articles, each starting with the letter s, worn on the feet.
25. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

26. In baseball, the batter hits a grounder and runs to first base. The shortstop fields the grounder and throws to first, the ball arriving at the same instant as the runner. Is the runner out or safe?

27. Zinc, copper, pewter, bronze, brass—which of these are not alloys?

28. Is a pundit a short pun, a learned man, or one who habitually makes puns?

29. What is the most popular prepared drink in the world?

30. Is a zebra black and white stripes, or white with black stripes?

31. If you entered a dark room and had only one match and there was a kerosene lamp, an oil stove, and a cigarette, which would you light first?

Even then they see me

*Don't let the lamp see you
I see you*

Sum Fun 4

MAXEY BROOKE

Which would you estimate to be the greater sum, that of the figures on the left, or that of the figures on the right?

987654321	123456789
87654321	12345678
7654321	1234567
654321	123456
54321	12345
4321	1234
321	123
21	12
1	1

Bewitched, Bothered or Befuddled?

5

MARTIN GARDNER



The Fork in the Road

A logician vacationing in the South Seas finds himself on an island inhabited by the two proverbial tribes of liars and truth-tellers. Members of one tribe always tell the truth; members of the other always lie. He comes to a fork in the road and has to ask a native bystander which branch he should take to reach a village. He has no way of telling whether the native is a truth-teller or a liar. The logician thinks a moment, then asks *one* question only.

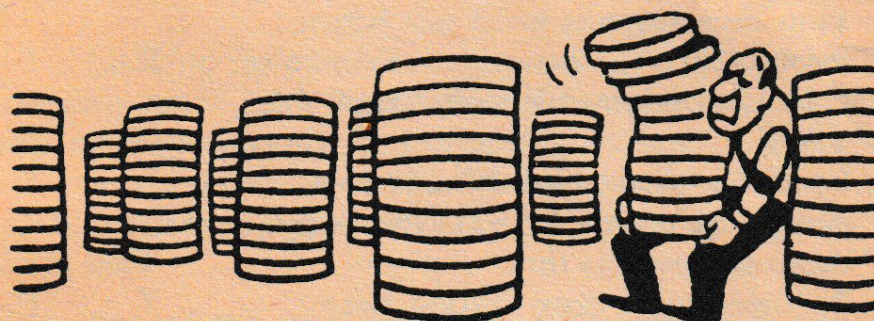
From the reply he knows which road to take. What question does he ask?

He looks at the flowers



Scrambled Box Tops

Three boxes—one containing two black marbles, one containing two white marbles, the third containing one black marble and one white marble—are put before you. The boxes are labeled to indicate their contents—BB, WW and BW—but you are told that the tops have been switched so that every box is now incorrectly labeled. You are asked to take one marble at a time out of any box, without looking inside, and, using this sampling process, to determine the contents of all three boxes. What is the smallest number of drawings you will need to determine the contents of each box?



The Counterfeit Coins

You have ten stacks of coins, each consisting of ten half-dollars. One entire stack is counterfeit, but you do not know which stack it is. You do know the weight of a genuine half-dollar, and you are also told that each counterfeit coin weighs one gram more than the genuine model. You may weigh the coins on a scale. What is the smallest number of weighings necessary to determine which stack is counterfeit?

*Two Weights and No Suspect or Evidence?
They have it! They have to prove!*

What Do You Know About Eating?

6

JUDITH CHASE CHURCHILL

Check your knowledge against that of food experts by answering true or false.

- | | | |
|---|----|----|
| 1. Breakfast is your most important meal. | T— | F— |
| 2. Hot meals warm you. | T— | F— |
| 3. You should eat less in hot weather. | T— | F— |
| 4. Some foods are sex stimulants. | T— | F— |
| 5. We'd be better off if we ate five times daily. | T— | F— |
| 6. The more you eat the more you want. | T— | F— |
| 7. Exercise is a more efficient way to reduce than diet. | T— | F— |
| 8. Your disposition is worst just before meals. | T— | F— |
| 9. It's almost impossible to overstuff a boy. | T— | F— |
| 10. Food is a good cure for fatigue. | T— | F— |
| 11. If most fat people ate what they say they eat they'd be thin. | T— | F— |
| 12. Bedtime snacks cause <u>restless sleep</u> . | T— | F— |

The salt was not for eating
so both kept "safe" and sane

What's Your Wife's Name? 7

1. Write down the number corresponding to the month of your birth from Table 1.
2. Add the number corresponding to your favorite dish from Table 2.
3. Multiply the answer by ten. Then add three if you want to know the name of your future wife, two for your present wife, one for your last wife.
4. Reverse the order of the figures, and subtract the result from the number you had before reversing. (Thus, 521 becomes 125 on reversing, which is subtracted from 521—leaving 396.)
5. Reverse this answer and add the result to the number it was before reversing.
6. Add 52,205,197 if you are a British Lord; otherwise, add 423,571.
7. Look up the number corresponding to the first letter of your surname in Table 3, and place it on the right-hand side of the previous answer. If, for example, your name is Smith, and the previous answer was 123,456, you would place the two figures corresponding to S, which are 60, on the right, giving you 12,345,660.
8. Repeat this with the next letter of your surname, and continue for all the letters, in order, in your surname.
9. Halve the answer.
10. Divide the answer into groups of two figures. Each group represents a letter of your wife's name, when referred to Table 4. Thus, if the answer is 21-10-23-43, her name will be Mary.

TABLE 1

January	90	July	70
February	80	August	80
March	70	September	90
April	60	October	80
May	50	November	70
June	60	December	60

TABLE 2

Steak and Onions	8
Hamburger and French Fries	7
Ham and Eggs	6
Chicken and Rice	5
Franks and Beans	4
Tuna Fish Casserole	3
Roast Beef and Potatoes	9

TABLE 3

A - 20	G - 64	M - 42	T - 44
B - 40	H - 68	N - 66	U - 28
C - 48	I - 24	O - 26	V - 84
D - 62	J - 80	P - 82	W - 88
E - 22	K - 54	Q - 90	X - 58
F - 50	L - 52	R - 46	Y - 86
		S - 60	Z - 56

TABLE 4

10 - A	21 - M	27 - K	34 - H
11 - E	22 - T	28 - Z	40 - J
12 - I	23 - R	29 - X	41 - P
13 - O	24 - C	30 - S	42 - V
14 - U	25 - F	31 - D	43 - Y
20 - B	26 - L	32 - G	44 - W
		33 - N	45 - Q

How Well-Lettered Are You?

8

1. Can you name ten parts of the human body (no slang words) that have only three letters?

MICKEY PORTER

2. Give a single letter which expresses each of the following—and if you're right you'll be the first to know it: 1) Blue and white bird. 2) Lowest note on the piano. 3) A large body of water. 4) A girl's nickname. 5) A vegetable. 6) An exclamation. 7) A beverage.

BENNETT CERF

Break the Code

9

The letters, O, T, T, F, F, , — form the beginning of an intelligible series. The problem is to add two more letters in the series. Once the problem is solved, an infinite number of letters can be added.

EDWIN DIAMOND

Arithmetics

10

1. From Jerome S. Meyer's book *Fun With Mathematics*, "Make 1000 by using only eight 8's."

BERT BACHARACH

2. Here's a little drill in mental arithmetic to sharpen your skills. Do this in your head:

Add one thousand twenty and one thousand twenty.... Now add twenty to your answer.... Add twenty again.... Now add ten.... And add ten again. What's your total?

RAY ORROCK

3. This one has been used by some personnel directors in oral aptitude tests. You're supposed to answer it in one and a half minutes:

If a man-and-a-half can eat a pie-and-a-half in a minute-and-a-half, how many men would it take to eat 60 pies in 30 minutes?

4. Bored and restless? Try writing your zip code in Roman numerals.

JACKIE VERNON

5. A chemist discovered that a certain chemical reaction took 80 minutes when he wore a wool jacket. But when he wasn't wearing the jacket, the same reaction always took an hour and 20 minutes. Can you explain?

What One Word?

11

BEN L. O'DELL

Can you find the single word which will be a *synonym* for *both* the words in each pair that follows? For example, the word that would be a common synonym to *Sort* and *Benevolent* is *Kind*. You should be able to supply 12 double-duty-words for the remaining groups, but 15 or more is excellent.

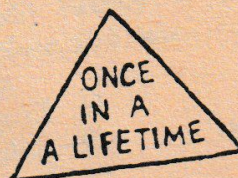
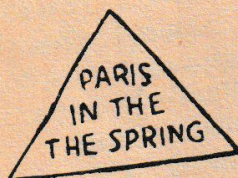
- We miss we all with*
- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Sort—Benevolent | 11. Eruption—Reckless |
| 2. Results—Belongings | 12. Calculate—Shape |
| 3. Curtsy—Prow | 13. Hoodwink—Cliff |
| 4. <u>Stays</u> —Corpse | 14. Tied—Leap |
| 5. Railing—Duel | 15. Wearied—Drilled |
| 6. Tresses—Fastens | 16. Scrape—Grille |
| 7. Dissertation—Try | 17. Ravine—Stuff |
| 8. Ray—Timber | 18. Stockings—Tube |
| 9. Intersect—Peevish | 19. <u>Spiritualist</u> —Average |
| 10. Raise—Back | 20. Cataract—Drops |

The Triangle Game

12

RALPH A. BROOK

If past experience holds true, the odds are 40 to 1 you can't read correctly the simple phrases in the triangles below. Look at each one in turn, and repeat aloud—or write down—what you think it says, before checking the answers in the back of the book.



Try This for Fun

13

GORDON GAMMACK

26 66 22 42 20 46 44 86 46 54 24 52 52 60 44 88 26
Without stopping to think or plan, name—just as they pop into mind—a color, any number from one to ten, a flower, a fruit.

Compare your answers with the ones most people give, as noted in the back of the book.

"Information Please"

14

One of the most popular radio program series ever produced was the famous "Information Please" in which a panel of experts answered questions from radio listeners. Here is a group of typical questions submitted by the public in an attempt to "stump the experts."

1. Two groups of campers, one on the seacoast and one on a high mountain, drop eggs into boiling water. Which campers will get hard-boiled eggs first?
2. Give the origin of each of the following words: bloomers, sandwich, guillotine, Vandyke, gerrymander.
3. Name the athletic games in which the following number of contestants constitute a team: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
4. What are our equivalents of these British terms: petrol; multiple shops; road diversion; hire-purchase system; butter muslin?
5. Why would it never be necessary for the man in the moon, if married to a chatterbox, to tell her to shut up?
6. What European Premier was saved from execution because he was an American citizen?
7. Give five musical terms which can also be applied to baseball.
8. Does an Arab prefer white horses to black horses because they run faster, withstand the sun better, eat less or are more beautiful?
9. Where is the Island of Reil? #1
10. Who was Shakespeare's favorite actress?

11. Distinguish between: Mazuma; Mazola; Montezuma; Zeugma; Sigma.
12. Which of the following will see more clearly in total darkness? Owl; Bat; Leopard. A DEAD MAN
13. Is it possible for an airplane to go backwards?

Brain Teasers

15

1. What is it that occurs once in a second, once in a month, once in a century, yet not at all in a year or week?
2. A bookkeeper noticed there were two consecutive double letters in the word *balloon*. She found other examples, such as *woolly* and *spittoon*. Then she tried to think of a word with three consecutive pairs of double letters. She couldn't think of any. Can you?

ROBIN MARCHAND

Just Four Fun 16

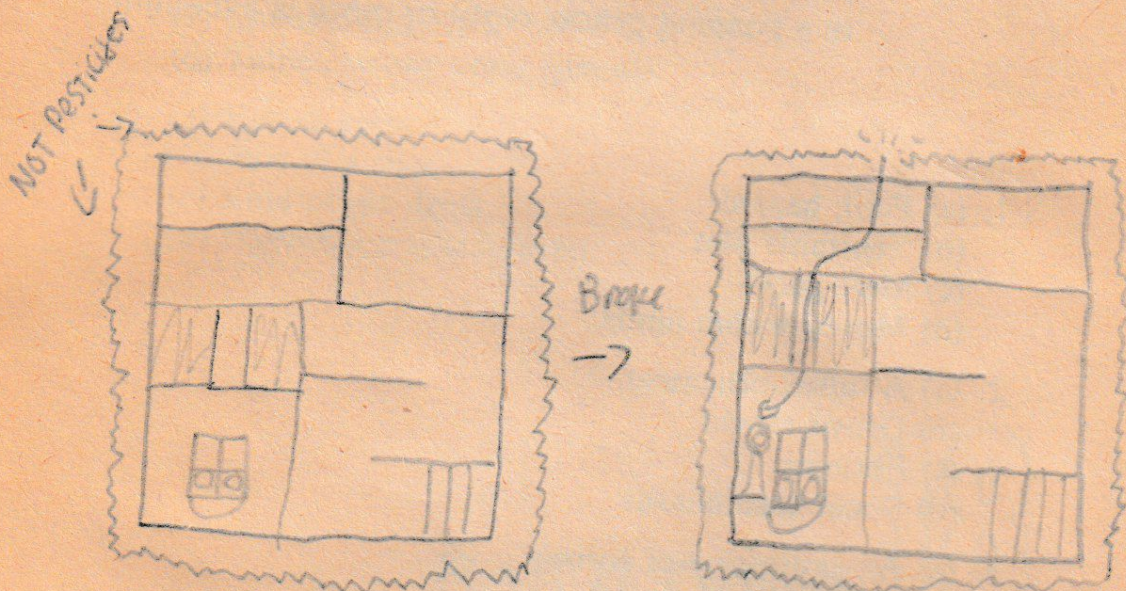
MARTIN GARDNER

See how many whole numbers you can form, starting with 1 and going through 10, by using only the digit 4 four times—no more, no less—and the multiplication, division, addition and/or subtraction signs.

Samples: $1 = 44/44$ $2 = 4/4 + 4/4$

By adding the square-root sign, 11 through 18 are readily obtainable. So start with 3 and see how far you can go.

What he did To P.O and P.I



The camera took the Photo

Twist a Word 17

BEN L. O'DELL

Each definition below calls for a familiar common word. However, all members of a quartet of words must consist of the *same letters*, used the same number of times, but in different arrangements. For example:

- (a) Airplane maneuvers LOOPS
- (b) One-masted vessel SLOOP
- (c) Small ponds of water POOLS
- (d) A cylinder for thread SPOOL

To score yourself a right answer, you must provide words for all four definitions; six right is a passing grade; eight or more is excellent.

1. (a) Peril; hazard
(b) Vegetable plot
(c) Male goose
(d) Moved within limits
2. (a) A tufted ornament
(b) Grows rancid
(c) Purloins
(d) Small blackboards
3. (a) An expression of sorrow
(b) Fireplace ledge
(c) A long cloak
(d) Pertaining to the mind
4. (a) Took an oath
(b) A planter
(c) Those in debt
(d) Bad; ill (comparative)

5. (a) Animal's den
(b) Metal track
(c) Prevaricator
(d) Seed covering
6. (a) Vipers
(b) Totals again
(c) Fears greatly
(d) More sorrowful
7. (a) Football tosser
(b) Not dense; scattered
(c) Long-shafted weapons
(d) Bowling term (plural)
8. (a) Kind of cheese
(b) Woman (slang)
(c) A meadow
(d) Manufactured
9. (a) More pliant
(b) Wooded area
(c) Cherish; care for
(d) Talent; strong point (plural)
10. (a) Fail to keep
(b) Part of a shoe
(c) Kind of gin drink
(d) Name for a lion (plural)

Boil It Down 18

In the following string of letters, a logical sentence may be obtained by removing all unnecessary letters:

AALLLOUGNINCEACELSSSEANRYTELNETCTEERS

24 54 66 26 88 88 68 72 48 46
22 44 60 86 26 38 54 22 22 22

GERARD MOSLER

What's Your Energy I.Q.? 19

JAMES A. COX

You've read all those tips about saving energy—but how much of it has really sunk in? Take this quiz and find out. There are some curve-ball statements here, so think carefully before responding with a True or a False.

1. A thermostat setting of 68 degrees for your heating plant and air conditioner will give you a steady, healthy, year-round temperature and also save energy.
2. When you take a shower instead of a bath you always use less hot water.
3. If you live in a warm southern climate, you don't have to worry about insulating your home, installing storm sash, caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors.
4. Using your fireplace is not a sure-fire way of saving fuel.
5. Insulated draperies will actually prevent the sun from helping to heat your house on bright days.
6. Turn out all the lights when you leave a room, even if you'll be back shortly.
7. For efficiency, you should always run your dishwasher all the way through its dry cycle.
8. Operating your electric clothes washer, dryer and dishwasher at less than full capacity reduces motor strain, and results in fuel savings.
9. If your oven is big enough, you can cook a whole meal in it—roast, potatoes, vegetables—at one time.

10. Synthetic fabrics, including double-knits and permanent press, will dry just as well hanging from a line in your yard as in your dryer.
11. Some television sets use electricity even when turned off.
12. Keeping your freezer packed to capacity will save electricity.
13. You should consolidate your heavy household energy use—washers, dryers and so on—in the daylight hours, when utility companies are geared up to meet peak power demands.
14. Keeping heavy items in the trunk of your car will improve traction and give you better gasoline mileage.
15. Using your auto air conditioner doesn't waste energy so long as your engine is running fast enough to put power back into your battery.
16. Starting your car five minutes before you plan to use it and letting the engine warm up will circulate the oil, resulting in greater efficiency and less fuel burned.
17. Jackrabbit starts and screeching stops, "exercising" the gas pedal instead of keeping your foot steady on it, and not maintaining your speed while climbing a hill are all gasoline wasters.
18. Properly inflated tires, a tuned-up engine and correctly aligned wheels all help to conserve gasoline.
19. Although radial tires give you many more miles of service, they cause your car to burn more gasoline because they are underinflated compared with standard tires.
20. Using oil a grade or two heavier than that recommended by the automobile manufacturer will make your engine run "tighter" and help you save fuel.

Bird Calls 20

Just for a lark, try matching the definitions on the left with the appropriate bird names on the right. Don't duck this cardinal quiz.

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1. In golf, two below par on a hole | a. Adjutant |
| 2. Tool for opening hard-shelled fruits | b. Oriole |
| 3. To lose courage | c. Chat |
| 4. Wide-brimmed, shallow-crowned hat | d. Crane |
| 5. To peddle wares by crying them | e. Darter |
| 6. Toy to fly in the wind | f. Eagle |
| 7. To grumble | g. Goose |
| 8. Military officer's assistant | h. Grouse |
| 9. To shoot at individuals from hiding | i. Hawk |
| 10. Capable of moving at great speed | j. Kite |
| 11. Hoisting machine | k. Nutcracker |
| 12. In bridge, to trump a trick | l. Pigeon |
| 13. Tailor's long-handled pressing iron | m. Quail |
| 14. To use abusive language | n. Rail |
| 15. In show business, unsuccessful production | o. Ruff |
| 16. To converse informally | p. Skimmer |
| 17. One who is easily swindled (slang) | q. Snipe |
| 18. To devour | r. Swallow |
| 19. One who moves suddenly and swiftly | s. Swift |
| 20. Baltimore baseball player | t. Turkey |

Size Up Your Reasoning Power 21

WILLIAM BERNARD AND JULES LEOPOLD

These self-administered examinations are fun to do—if you don't worry too much how you come out. Whip out a pencil and see if you are as bright as you always thought you were.

PART ONE:

DIRECTIONS—In each series, certain numbers or letters are left out. Insert the missing numbers or letters. For example: In 2, 4, 6, —, 10, —, 14, you should insert 8 in the first blank and 12 in the second. In A B C — E — G, you should insert D and F.

TIME LIMIT: 8 MINUTES

1. 3, 5, —, 9, 11, —, 15
2. Z X Y — W — U
3. A C E — I K —
4. 100, —, 400, 800
5. Y E L — O W
6. 9, 7, 11, —, 13, 11, —, 13
7. —, —, 9, 27, 81, —
8. 6, 8, 9, —, 12, —, 15
9. —, 24, 29, —, 33, 34, 35
10. A — Z Y C D X — E F —
11. 2, —, 2000, 2000, 200

PART TWO:

DIRECTIONS—Fill the blank squares with numbers which will make both the vertical columns and the horizontal rows in each diagram add up to the sum shown at the right of that diagram. Use no number larger than 9. Do not use zero.

TIME LIMIT: 3 MINUTES

A

9		
		9
	3	

21

B

9			
		7	
	7		

34

C

9			
		7	
			8
	8		

34

Take 4

Kangaroo Words

22

BEN L. O'DELL

A kangaroo word carries within its spelling, in normal order, a smaller word that is a perfect synonym for itself. For example, note how the word BLOSSOMS contains the word BLOOMS. See if you can find the synonym hiding in each word below.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. EVACUATE | 11. PERAMBULATE |
| 2. ENCOURAGE | 12. PINIONED |
| 3. PROSECUTE | 13. JOVIALITY |
| 4. CALUMNIES | 14. CONTAINER |
| 5. RAPSCALLION | 15. REGULATES |
| 6. INDOLENT | 16. SPLOTCHES |
| 7. PRATTLE | 17. SLITHERED |
| 8. DIVERSIFIED | 18. <u>PERIMETER</u> |
| 9. RAMPAGE | 19. CURTAIL |
| 10. MATCHES | 20. RESPITE |

Fascinating Fact Quiz

23

DAVID LOUIS

1. Which bounces higher, a ball of steel or a ball of rubber?
2. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will move up and down continuously. Will it do the same in beer?
3. Why does a whip crack?
4. Lightning strikes the earth: a) 1000 times an hour. b) 100 times a minute. c) 100 times a second.
5. An egg, set spinning, may rise up on end. What if anything does that indicate?
6. Do you get enough calories from a piece of celery to replace the calories spent in eating it?
7. How much nourishment in the glue on a postage stamp: a) a full calorie. b) a half calorie. c) a tenth of a calorie.
8. How many pounds of food and drink does the average person ingest in a year?
9. How fast does a sneeze travel?
10. On a clear moonless night, from atop a mountain peak, you can see a match struck how many miles away: ...5 ...20 ...50.
11. On which of your hands do the fingernails grow faster?
12. It takes 17 muscles to smile. To frown takes: ...13... 17...29...43.
13. The average human heart beats how many times in a 72-year lifespan?
14. Statues of heroes on horseback sometimes show the horse rearing. Is it simply a matter of sculptor's choice?

15. There are many ways to play the ten opening moves in chess.
How many? a) millions. b) billions. c) trillions. d) even more.
16. "Googol" means an enormous number. Can you define it more precisely?
17. Of all names in the world, which is most common?
18. There was once (in 1788) a state in the U.S.A. called Franklin. Today it's part of _____.
19. "Jackdaws love my big sphinx of quartz." Anything remarkable about that sentence?
20. How many muscles does a caterpillar have: a) 1500. b) 2000. c) 2500.
21. In one night a mole can tunnel: a) 50 feet. b) 100 feet. c) 300 feet.
22. What's the fastest fish in the sea?
23. How many quills on a porcupine? a) 12,000. b) 24,000. c) 36,000.
24. What color combination has the strongest visual impact?
25. The greatest number of phone calls ever handled in one U.S. city during a 24-hour period was 80 million. It happened in New York. Can you guess when, on what occasion?
26. How many advertisements is the average American exposed to in a day: a) 50. b) 100. c) 300. d) 500.
27. For the Louisiana Purchase lands, the U.S.A. paid France less than three cents an acre. What did it pay Russia, per acre, for Alaska?
28. Americans spend more than a billion dollars a year on sneakers. True or False?

Word Play 24

1. Can you, using the same five letters, spell two words that have exactly opposite meanings? Both begin with "u."

BRIAN HALL

2. What seven-letter word contains eight words without rearranging any of its letters?

HELEN M. MORAND

3. What word in the English language has three dotted letters in a row?

GAINES BREWSTER

4. What word has eight letters and only one vowel?

PAUL D. PEERY

5. The word "startling" can be changed into eight other familiar words by successive deletions, from different places, of one letter at a time. Remember that you can't put a letter back once you've taken it out.

MARTIN GARDNER

6. What word, starting with a consonant, is trailed by four vowels?

BRIAN HALL

7. What words contain such unlikely combinations of letters as tomo, xyg, dhp, zop, heon, riju, xop, and omaha?

BENNETT CERF

What One Word 25

BEN L. O'DELL

Here's another game designed to limber up your vocabulary. You are challenged to find a *single word* which will be a synonym for *both* the two radically different words in each number that follows. You should be able to supply at least 11 of these double-duty words, but 14 or more is excellent.

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| 1. Skin-Conceal | 10. Crate-Spar |
| 2. Pull-Sketch | 11. Courage-Pick |
| 3. Peevish-Buggy | 12. Custom-Costume |
| 4. Saloon-Obstruct | 13. Musket-Rob |
| 5. Pillage-Bag | 14. Handbag-Pucker |
| 6. Stumble-Journey | 15. Drama-Romp |
| 7. Rasp-Column | 16. Encounter-Proper |
| 8. Hill-Horse | 17. Dismiss-Shoot |
| 9. Lease-Tear | 18. Acrobats-Glasses |

Not So Easy 26

CEDRIC ADAMS

How quickly can you find out what's unusual about this paragraph? It looks so ordinary you'd think nothing was wrong with it at all—and, in fact, nothing is. But it *is* unusual. Why? Study it, think about it, and you may find out. But you must do it without coaching: I'm not going to assist you in any way. No doubt, if you work at it for a bit, it will dawn on you. Who knows until you try? So hop to it, try your skill and pray for luck. Par is about half an hour.

